

**Renaissance Zone Board Meeting**  
Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2022 @ 8:30am.  
Public Works Building, Conference Room #3  
1025 31<sup>st</sup> Street SE, Minot, ND

- Members Present:** Pete Hugret (Chair), Pat Bailey (Vice-Chair), Justin Anderson, Jason Bentley, Betty Fedorchak, Rachelle Sian, Josh Wolsky
- Members Absent:** Michael King, Kevin Black, Jen Cook, Kerry Candrian
- Others Present:** Brian Billingsley (Community & Economic Development Director) Jonathan Rosenthal (Economic Development Administrator), Glenda Sorensen (Admin)
- Guests:** Mark Lyman (Minot Area Chamber EDC), Andrew & McKenna Gudmunson (Auslander), Chad Thompson (Auslander)
- Call to Order:** Chair Pete Hugret called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
- Agenda:** Request to address the board by Chad Thompson and Andrew Gudmunson, owners of 24 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE, The Auslander Building.
- Progress on projects:**
- FI-2 111 Central Ave W, Whiskey One, Second-floor windows in, waiting for large windows (may require an extension, TBD)
  - FI-3 115 First Street SE, Mouse River Players, windows being installed
  - FI-4 109 Main Street S, MAG, removal of glazed brick, second-floor window, waiting for large windows

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**Adopt Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Bailey to adopt July 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes, second by Anderson.

Ayes: all, Nays: none.

**Motion passes**

**Request to address the board by Chad Thompson and Andrew Gudmunson, owners of 24 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE, the Auslander Building).**

Chad Thompson gave an update on his project. Construction revealed windows and masonry details showing previously installed arched windows on the south facade that they were unaware of. Thompson is seeking to tie the whole building together by improving the façade on the south side of the structure, which may necessitate a second Façade Improvement application.

Discussion by committee members focused on whether or not the applicant would have to withdraw their current application for the west façade facing First Street and reapply to include the desired façade improvement on the south side facing the parking lot, or, alternatively, if an adjustment could be made to the current application.

Committee requested the applicant submit numbers (application) on the south side façade.

Motion by Bailey to affirm that an application by Auslander for the south side façade be withdrawn, second by Wolsky.

Ayes: all, Nays: none.

**Other Discussion:**

Committee member Bentley asked for confirmation that there is funding for two (2) additional Façade Improvement projects.

Rosenthal responded that approximately \$180k has been informally set aside by the city council for the M Building, although no application has been submitted. Bentley also noted that the committee should “be careful” not to show any favoritism as not everyone in the community feels favorably about the M Building TIF and city participation.

The committee has already decided in their adopted policies that all applications received for the Façade Improvement Program, as the funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. As funds get close to exhausting the budget, applications should be date and time stamped. No vote was taken.

Motion by Wolsky to have a letter drafted to re-fund the Façade Program, to be signed by the Chairman, second by Bailey.

Ayes: all, Nays: none

**Progress on Projects:**

**Updates on Façade Program applications given by Rosenthal:**

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  - With an amendment, MAG would be eligible for another \$15k in funding.

**Other Projects under discussion:**

Bricks Building (double façade)

Dennis Wolsky (may be a double façade)

Melissa Wright (Arny's)

**Discussion of Renaissance Zone Vision, Goals & Objectives (continued discussion).**

To be discussed at a future meeting.

**Other**

A portion of the discussion looked at the highlighted façade policy materials and guidelines with no objections to the current approach. Bailey said the requirements for project completion would be better if they really reflected the time it's been taking to get windows, about a year. Suggestions for other changes will be entertained at the next meeting.

**Next Scheduled Meeting** – Thursday, September 22, 2022, 8:30 AM in the City's Public Works Building, Conference Room #3.

Motion by Bailey to adjourn the meeting, second by Wolsky.

Ayes: all, Nays: none

**Motion passes**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.**